(b) what is the estimated availability of Natural Gas from Gandhar fields by 1990, 1995 and 1998; and

(c) what quantity is proposed to be allotted to Gujarat out of this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) The Government of Gujarat have submitted a memorandum on the utilisation of natural gas for various projects in Gujarat State from Gandhar gas fields and some other sources.

(b) and (c) The Gandhar Phase-I project envisaged a proccuption, potential of 1.5 MMCMD of gas which has been commited entirely in Gujarat mainly for power projects. This production potential is likely to increase in the future. The extent of inorase in production of gas in the future would depend upon the festitate economic viability of increasing this level of production.

Purchase of Woollen dress/materials by ONGC

2479. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount spent by each regional business centre of the Oil and Natural Gas Commtssion during the last two years for procurement and purchase of woollen dresses/materials for their employees;

(b) whether it is a fact that tenders for these purchases were opened by various Centres on different dates ;

(c) whether orders were placed on different suppliers/manufacturing units of woollen dress materials ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof including the details of manufacturing units/suppliers, price difference per metre of procurement from different suppliers ; and

(e) when such bulk purchase of the material for the employees would be undertaken next?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) to (e) The time and labour involved in collection of information from all the Regional Business Centres of ONGC may not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.

Permission to United Breweries Limited for setting up of bulk drugs plant

2480. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the United Breweries Limited has been granted permission by Government to set up bulk drugs plant in Karnataka ;

(b) If so, whether the United Breweries propose to set up this plant with any foreign collaboration ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the drugs to be manufactured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) M/s. U.B. Ltd. has recently been granted a Letter of Intent for setting up a drug plant in Karnataka. The original application was made by M/s. United Breweries Limited who subsequen-

tly requested for issuing the Letter of Intent in the name of M/s. U.B. Limited.

(b) and (c) A proposal to produce Ranitidine bulk drug with foreign collaboration has since been received in this Ministry.

Productivity per workers in Coal India Limited

2481. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA :
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the per capita productivity in Coal India Limited has shown an upward trend ;

(b) what steps are being taken to bring the productivity to an acceptable level and also to bring down the cost of production of coal; and

(c) what is the present retail price of coal as compared to 1980 and 1970?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir. Productivity in Coal India Ltd. has increased from 0.72 tonne in 1980-81 to 1.17 tonnes per manshift in 1988-89.

(b) Some of the major steps being taken to improve productivity and to bring down cost are as follows :

(i) Improved manpower planning including redeployment of surplus workers and restricting the intake of new employees against vacancies caused by natural wastage.

(ii) Control on increase in manpower through voluntary retirement schemes.

(iii) The concept of "all men-all jobs" is being tried on an experimental basis.

(iv) Increase in production and productivity with special emphasis on underground mines.

(v) Improvement in the availability and utilisation of equipment by providing adequate workshop support, improved management of spares and timely rehabilitation of equipments.

(vi) A number of systems improvement and managerial measures have been adopted to improve efficiency of operation.

(c) The retail price of coal in the country varies from place to place depending upon distance from source of supply, transportation charges and other State levies, The average pithead price of coal at the time of nationalisation of coal mines was Rs. 37.50 per tonne. In 1980, the average pithead price was Rs. 101.18 per tonne (as per price revision on 17-7-1979). At present the average pithead price of coal for Coal India sources is Rs. 249/- per tonne.

Power deficit in Southern Grid

2482. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the deficit in power in Southern grid during the Seventh Plan period ;

(b) what is the estimated shortfall in power generation during the Eighth Plan period ;

(c) how many power projects have been sanctioned for the Southern States for execution during the Eighth Plan period ;